



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

19th August 2022

The following is an extract from an article published in The Age by Chris Summers. He is a former teacher, current lecturer and PhD candidate in Education.

I was the ideal candidate to career-change into teaching in an apprenticeship-style program. I had a combined Arts/Law degree, was admitted as a lawyer and have experience as a professional playwright. Both my parents were teachers, I attended the local public school and I had the desire to continue in their footsteps teaching in low-socioeconomic, challenging environments.

At the end of 2014, I was thrilled and determined to start a career as a drama/legal studies teacher in rural Victoria. After a six-week intensive course contributing to a master's degree in teaching, in January 2015 I began my four-day-a-week teaching load.

I left the profession after four years, two years after completing the program, joining the 30 to 50 per cent of teachers who leave teaching in their first five years. I had assumed once I graduated with my Masters and was able to begin a more "normal" teaching career, things would become easier.

Instead, I now worked five days with a modest pay rise. The demands of crafting and assessing effective curriculum, engaging with parents and school leadership, the expectations around NAPLAN and VCE performance, and the endless administrative tasks that saw lunchtimes disappear and evenings stretch into the late hours only got worse. I lasted another two years before transitioning into education academia, burnt out.

A focus on entry points into the profession detracts from the bigger, more difficult questions ministers seem to have mostly avoided: why aren't teachers staying, and what can we change about the system to fix this?

Pay gets a lot of attention, but few teachers are attracted to the profession – or enticed to remain in it – by pay alone. Teachers are driven by wanting to work with students, parents and communities. Unrealistic teaching loads, limited planning time, constrained curriculum and ongoing data-gathering for often unknown purposes all take teachers further away from what they do best.

These should be the first areas addressed to support those already teaching, before the issue of supply is considered.

This article refers to the extraordinary meeting of Education Ministers recently and I think Chris Summers has given a fairly good personal insight into an all-too-common story in the teaching profession and the issues involved. Our communities need to know these stories and appreciate the issues involved.

We are unbelievably blessed to have retained our staff through some incredibly demanding times. I believe one of the major reasons we have achieved this, is that our staff give, and in turn experience kindness, respect and gratitude from our students and even more importantly from our parents.

I can not name a single staff member who is here for the pay. It really is about accepting the challenge of trying to do good and to make a difference in the lives of our students. We do this best when parents and staff work together and we do this exceptionally well here. Thank you to all those parents who express their appreciation and who work so respectfully with us. It means more than you could know and contributes hugely to our school's culture.

Mark Fox

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

PUPIL FREE DAY on FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

SPORTS NEWS

Over the past three days Hunter Lowe together with his horse Gemma, represented St Patrick's at the Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian competition. This was Hunter's first time at this event competing in the Year 4-6 grouping. Hunter achieved Overall Highlights Points Champion for Grade 5. Hunter's results were 1st Show Jump, 1st Bending Race, 1st Dry Work Pattern, 3rd Keyhole Race and 4th Rider Class. Congratulations Hunter on this amazing achievement. You were a wonderful ambassador for our school at this event.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle will be held each and every Friday this term. Each week we require three volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

Week	Year	Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 4	1 Volunteer Required
Week 9	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required



FATHER'S DAY LITURGY

Year 3 will lead us in a whole school liturgy on Thursday 1st September at 9.00am as we come together to celebrate fathers and all men in our lives like fathers. Please email one photo per family to spbof-vice@rok.catholic.edu.au to be included in a special Power point presentation at the liturgy. All photos received by Monday 29th August will be included in the liturgy slideshow.



MOANA JR SCHOOL MUSICAL

St Patrick's Bundaberg proudly presents performances of...



Tickets on
sale 8am
Monday

Performance Times

Tuesday Sept 6 @ 5pm

Wednesday Sept 7 @ 6pm

@Shalom College's Performing Arts Precinct

Tickets



Adults \$10
Children\students \$6

PARENT SURVEY ON STUDENT WELLBEING AND LEARNING

2022 PARENT SURVEY

CLOSES 31 AUGUST



Catholic School Parents
AUSTRALIA

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School
Parents Australia
is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia
(CSPA) acknowledges the funding
received from the Australian
Government to support this work.

Have your say on what matters
regarding the wellbeing and learning
of your child.

For example, has COVID or your
partnership with the school affected
your child's wellbeing and learning?

If you are a parent or carer with
a child in a Catholic school, CSPA
would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share
your feedback to assist CSPA in
reporting to the Federal Government
and Catholic education.

Your feedback will remain
anonymous.

Please consider sharing this flyer
with other parents.

The Australian government has asked Catholic School Parents Australia to enter into an agreement to inform them of existing and emerging issues that are of concern to Catholic school families, especially those issues that impact their children's health, wellbeing and/or learning.

In particular, they are keen to hear the perspectives of parents and carers from families of children with challenges around learning, and from families with children in remote school settings. As a result, CSPA, in partnership with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY), have developed a parent survey which will be the key instrument for evidence gathering.

The *CSPA 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning* is now live through until Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Please click on the image if you would like to contribute to the survey.

[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey](#)

IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

Year 5 Camp

Week 8

Chaverim Campus

Monday 29th August
to
Wednesday 31st August

Year 6 Camp

Hervey Bay
Fraser Island

Week 10

Wednesday 14th September to
Friday 16th September



Cultural Night

Tuesday 15th November

Shalom PAP

CELEBRATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



YEAR 6

Graduation Liturgy

Tuesday 29th November 9:00am

End of Year Liturgy

Thursday 1st December 1:00pm

Year 6 Farewell Assembly

Thursday 1st December 2:00pm



COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required as a result of school based contact.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. Qld Health has advised that it has recorded an increase in the number of influenza notifications. Therefore, is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.



The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.



CRICKET AUSTRALIA



EST. 1970
Across The Waves Cricket Club



PLAY CRICKET

ACROSS THE WAVES CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR SIGN-ON & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST 2022
4PM-5:30PM
AT THE ATW TRAINING NETS ON THABEGAN STREET, BUNDABERG

ENJOY THE BEST EVER FOOTY FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

SIGN UP NOW

HURRY! LIMITED SPOTS



PATHWAYS:



Queensland



SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

CHOOSE YOUR COLOURS + YOU CAN KICK + NAME YOUR TEAM!
GET YOUR TAG ON



RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY

BUNDABERG PET MARKET

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST
9AM-12PM

MICROCHIPPING DOG TREATS

HYDROBATHING CUPCAKES
SECOND HAND GOODS
PHOTO BOOTH
FUNDRAISING
SHELTER TOURS
BAKE SALE
VET ADVICE



RSPCA ANIMAL CARE CENTRE, 31 DOBLO STREET, BRANYAN

RSPCA BUNDABERG

COLOURING COMPETITION

HELP US DECORATE OUR CAT CONDOS!
The top 20 entries across all age groups will be framed and hung in the cat adoption pens

PLUS
A lucky door prize will be drawn at random from all entries!



ENTRY \$5

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION: SATURDAY 27 AUGUST



Come and visit the animals at the RSPCA shelter and pick up a colouring competition entry pack!

31 DOBLO STREET, BRANYAN |
10am-5pm Wed-Sun | 07 4155 1736

TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 11th July - Friday 15th July		
Monday	Start Term 3 2022		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4M
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	
WEEK 2	Week 18th July - 22nd July		
Monday	School Photo Day		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
WEEK 3	Week 25th July - 29th July		
	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4C
WEEK 4	Week 1st August - 5th August		
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep D
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
	District Athletics	All Day	St Luke's
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
	District Athletics	All Day	St Luke's
WEEK 5	Week 8th August - 12th August		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
WEEK 6	Week 15th August - 19th August		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 7	Week 22nd August - 26th August		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
WEEK 8	Week 29th August - 2nd September		
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 5th September - 9th September		
Monday - Wednesday	School Musical		General
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5A
WEEK 10	Week 12th September - 16th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6

2022 TERM DATES	
TERM 1	Monday 24 January - Friday 1 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June
TERM 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 2nd September
TERM 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

2022 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
TERM 2	District Cross County	13-May	Avoca SS
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	3/4 August	St Luke's
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	25-Nov	BSA